

Gurnee, IL - At a press conference with Governor Blagojevich Wednesday morning, Congressman Kirk (IL-10) gave high praise to the sailors from Great Lakes Naval Training Center who spent the last four days providing flood relief for the towns of Gurnee, Lincolnshire, Libertyville, Prospect Heights, Mount Prospect and Riverwoods. Over 500 sailors volunteered their time to filling sandbags to protect homes, schools and businesses from the flooding of the Des Plaines River.

"Without the help of our U.S. Navy, the Gurnee Grade School would be sitting under water," said Congressman Kirk. I want to thank Admiral Rondeau, Commander Hank Roux and their team for giving us help when we needed it most."

Help provided by the Navy included:

- Over 400 sailors to Gurnee
- 38 to Lincolnshire
- 75 to Mount Prospect/Prospect Heights
- 25 to Riverwoods